

come to our assistance the last of the week. May the Lord bless the effort.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

North Manchester, Ind.

Johnstown Congregation

Several items of interest to the brethren give us the material for writing this letter.

Decision Day was observed in this Sunday school on the 31st. The officers and teachers met for prayer at 8:30 A. M. and the school for special services at the regular hour 9:15 A. M. The services conducted by superintendent Albert Trent were full of power and as a result 3 professed Christ.

The Watch meeting was well attended in spite of the intense cold and blessed services of prayer and song filled the closing hours of the old year. The revival services are occupying our time and interest. We look for much to be accomplished.

The Lord works with his people at Moxham and we really expect by the time this is read a Brethren church will be no longer a desire but a fact. This will be of great advantage to this part of our congregation. If all interested in a Brethren church at South Fork will bend their energies that way one can easily be established there. South Fork a city of 5000 people has 3 churches with a seating capacity of probably 1000 for the three. Therefore if the other 4000 wanted to go to church about 200 of them could be accommodated with standing room and the rest be without church privilege.

Many of these are of Dunkard stock and I believe if we fail now we will be bearing an almost criminal responsibility for our neglect. Brethren let us begin aggressive work. Christmas closed Brother and Sister Parson's work and associations here and they left, for we hope, a larger field for the use of their talents as members of the Capital City church.

Sister B. Parsons has been a member of the Johnstown church for 16 years and for years organist and secretary of the Sunday school, but the sister's talent is a voice of great power and sweetness. Sister Parson's singing is sure to be worth much to the Washington church. Brother Parsons is a man of ability and push. Figures and finance are his fort and to my mind no more valuable additions could be had at Washington. I write this first as a tribute to their abilities and secondly to interest the brotherhood yet more in the work Brother Lyon is doing, for thru Brother Lyon was Brother Parsons made interested in Washington. God speed the work of saving the lost this year of 1900.

E. E. HASKINS.

Maple Grove, Ind.

Our meeting is over but it is not forgotten by our brethren and sisters. We had a good meeting taking in consideration the weather all the way thru, it was bad. Our meeting first began with a Bible conference which lasted four days, and then our pastor preached a little over two weeks and we know that the Lord was with him for he did his best. At the close of our meeting we held a com-

munion service which was a glorious communion and the attendance was good, and the Lord was with us, it seemed that every heart was filled with the love of God. We believe by such meetings that sinners will see that it is a good thing to serve God. On Saturday the 23rd, we went to see relatives and friends at Pleasant Hill, Ohio, found all well and enjoying themselves. Was at Brother While's home Tuesday night, Dec. 26th, and had a nice time in social chat and singing, had a good time in general. Brother White said they would commence there protracted effort Sunday, Dec. 31, and we hope that they will have a grand meeting long to be remembered on account of the ingathering of souls for Christ.

K. E. CRUEA.

Gretna, Ohio

We have just closed our revival meeting, with brother M. S. White as pastor. There were no accessions to the church, but we feel that our labors together were not in vain. We pray that they have done some soul good, altho not openly manifested. We have S. S. C. E. meetings every two weeks, and an interest for the cause of Christ is being shown. We have Sabbath-school every Sabbath morning. We feel and trust that we are waking from our slumbers; and we hope and pray our waking is for good to all. May the Lord bless the Gretna church and bestow on her a mighty power for good, is the prayer of your unworthy sister.

DAISY B. SNAPP.

Bethel, Mich.

Since my last report the Methodist pastor who preaches here every two weeks and the writer of this article, held about two weeks' meeting here at Bethel. There were no immediate accessions but we think the meeting did much good in uniting the community more for Christian work than it has been for a long time. We held Christmas exercises Saturday evening before Christmas and had a very pleasant time, with a crowded house. We had Sunday-school last Lord's Day and today we were snowed out, and now there will be no more Sunday-school here until the first Sunday in April.

And now and ever may the Holy Spirit rest and abide with the grace of God everywhere.

WALTER CLARK.

Dowagiac, Mich.

Vinco, Pa.

The members and friends of the Vinco charge, of the Brethren church, surprised their pastor and his family, by meeting together at his house on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 30, 1899, and each bringing liberally of the necessities of life, in approval of his labors in that field for the past year. There were many things sent by those that could not be present for which the pastor and his family express their thanks, praying that God may stand by them, and prosper them.

J. W. HALLABAUGH.

Our Dead

MARSTON.—Wm. L. Marston was born August 24, 1835, died Nov. 25, 1899, aged 64 years, 3 months and 1 day. Died in full faith of the Lord Jesus. Funeral services by E. B. SHAVER.

COPP.—Geo W. Copp was born June 16, 1825, died Dec. 4, 1899, aged 74 years, 5 months and 18 days. He leaves a second wife, 6 sons, 2 daughters, 19 grand children, 3 great grand-children, 1 brother and 1 sister. Brother Copp was the oldest deacon in this congregation, and one of our best advisers. We all realize our loss, but rejoice in his gain of a better home. Funeral service by E. B. SHAVER.

DARRAH—Cornelius Darrah of Winchester, O., was born Jan. 5 1824, and died Dec. 26, 1899, aged 75 years, 11 months and 21 days. His afflictions were long and severe, but he bore it patiently until the end. He was a member of the Brethren church. He leaves a widow, 7 children, and 13 grand children, and many kind friends to mourn his departure. Funeral in the Brethren church in Winchester. Services by the writer from Heb. 4:9. A rest to the people of God. JOSIAH KEIM.

WILCOX.—Again we come with sad news. A beloved sister has passed from our midst. At the home of her daughter at Logan's Ferry, Pa., Nancy Wilcox passed away, aged 77 years 3 months and 16 days. Four children preceded her to the spirit land, and she left four sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. She was a faithful member of the Pittsburg church, and she will be greatly missed. We as her pastor will miss her kind, motherly advice, the church will miss the loving clasp of her hand in Christian greeting. She was so kind and good, but our loss is her gain. She has gone home to await our coming. Funeral services conducted by writer, assisted by elder D. J. Bole. Text: Amos 4:12. The remains were interred in Homewood cemetery. May God bless and sustain the bereaved ones is our prayer. ROGER E. DARLING.

STUTZMAN—Emma P. Stutzman, daughter of Mr. Jacob Stutzman and Mrs. Lenora Stutzman of Rosedale, died at her home Dec. 20, 1899, aged 8 years, 4 months, and 6 days. She was a lover of Sunday-school work and belonged to a class of little girls numbering 32 which it is my glorious privilege to teach. She had a recitation to recite at our Christmas entertainment and had it already learned for the occasion but she was called home to heaven to say her little speech with the multitude of heavenly host who were praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace and good will toward men." Emma enjoyed a Christmas entertainment with a multitude of little children and Jesus her great teacher above the bright, blue sky. I love my class of little girls and my heart was filled with sorrow and gladness when the angels came and carried this one home to Jesus on their golden pinions. Sorrowful because of the loss we sustain and glad because she was received up into heaven to be with Jesus who took little children up in his arms and blessed them when he was here on earth. She had her lesson pictures all placed away in a nice little box for future reference but she will not need them for she is rejoicing in the presence of the angels. She asked that I might be her teacher the coming term but it was not the Lord's will. Instead of me being her teacher she has become my teacher, she has gone on before me. May the Lord bless and sustain this family and may they always say "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord." Funeral services were conducted by the writer in the Rosedale Brethren church. Interment in Pleasant Hill cemetery.

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